

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO



NOTICE FROM THE CLERK

NO. 02-05

Adoption of Local Rule 117
Effective February 26, 2002

On January 23, 2002, the judges of this Court decided to publish, for purposes of public notice and opportunity for comment, proposed Local Rule 117, in compliance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071(a) and (b). The period for public comment was set to expire on Monday, February 25, 2002. Written comments were to be filed under Miscellaneous Case No. 02-016(HL). Accordingly, Notice 02-03 was published by the Clerk on January 23, 2002, further indicating that the amendment had been scheduled to become effective on February 26, 2002.

On February 26, 2002, the judges of this Court, having received no comments, unanimously approved the adoption of Local Rule 117 as published, to wit:

RULE 117 - SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Service among the parties of all pleadings subsequent to the original summons and complaint, or other documents, may be made by facsimile transmission provided that the party receiving service expressly consents to accept such electronic service, in writing. The Clerk shall establish a "Registry of Consent" given in advance by members of the Bar of this Court consenting to receive electronic service from the Court and/or from other parties. The "Notice of Consent to Electronic Service" shall be notified to the Clerk of Court by e-mail, hand, facsimile or by first-class mail postage prepaid in a form to be established by the Clerk for this purpose. Electronic service shall not be used for service of process. Parties not consenting to electronic service are entitled to service of a paper copy of any filed pleading or other document. Service of such paper must be made according to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules. Parties receiving service by electronic means are entitled to three additional days to respond pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(e).

BY ORDER OF THE COURT.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 26th day of February, 2002.

FRANCES RIOS DE MORAN, ESQ.
CLERK OF COURT